

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A piston-cylinder assembly comprising
a cylinder having an axis,
a piston rod arranged for axial movement in said cylinder and projecting axially
from the cylinder,

an extension arranged for axial movement in said cylinder and projecting axially
from the cylinder oppositely from the piston rod,

66 an adjusting device comprising an actuator and a force transmitting element ~~for~~
~~transmitting an adjusting force from~~ which is driven by said actuator to ~~said piston-cylinder~~
~~assembly~~ move said piston rod relative to said cylinder, said element ~~engaging concentrically on~~
~~one of said cylinder and said piston~~ being connected axially to said extension.

Claims 2-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A piston cylinder assembly as in claim 3 1 wherein
said cylinder comprises a guide for said piston rod and a guide for said extension.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 3 1 wherein said extension comprises a stop for limiting the movement of the piston rod relative to the cylinder.

Claim 6 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 5 wherein said stop comprises a sleeve.

Claim 7 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 6 wherein said sleeve is connected to said extension by a threaded connection.

Claims 8-16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly comprising

- a cylinder having an axis and a bottom,
- a hollow piston rod arranged for axial movement in said cylinder and projecting axially from the cylinder oppositely from the bottom,
- an adjusting device comprising an actuator and a force transmitting element which is driven by said actuator to move said piston rod relative to said cylinder,
- a connection accommodated in said hollow piston rod, said connection having one end fixed to said bottom of said cylinder and another end fixed to said force transmitting element,
- a radial connecting element fixed to said piston rod, and

a stop fixed to said connection for limiting the movement of the piston rod relative to the cylinder.

Claim 18 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 17 wherein said stop comprises a sleeve.

Claim 19 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 18 wherein said sleeve is connected to said extension by a threaded connection.


Claim 20 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 17 wherein said one end comprises a flange which is fixed to said bottom of said cylinder.

Claim 21 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly comprising
a cylinder having an axis and a bottom,
a hollow piston rod arranged for axial movement in said cylinder,
an adjusting device comprising an actuator and a force transmitting element which is driven by said actuator to move said piston rod relative to said cylinder, and

a capsule element arranged concentrically with respect to said piston rod and accommodating said force transmitting element, said force-transmitting element passing through said piston rod said bottom of said cylinder for fastening to a fastening point of an element to be moved.

Claim 22 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 21 wherein said capsule element is inside said piston rod.

Claim 23 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 21 wherein said capsule element is tubular.

 Claim 24 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 21 wherein said capsule element is fixed to said bottom.

Claim 25 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 21 wherein said capsule element is mounted in said cylinder for angular movement relative thereto.

Claim 26 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 21 further comprising a radial connecting element fixed to said cylinder.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

New drawings with legends in English are submitted herewith.

Attachment: Drawing sheets 1-4 of Figs. 1-5